

a keyboard organized with a pair of arrays of transmission-actuation keys, with the keys in these arrays disposed generally to complement the splayed underside-architecture of a user's hands, each said array including

for each finger, a finger-associable cluster of input keys, each key of which is arranged in said cluster to confront, in close proximity with and in parallel planar relationship to the skeletal architecture of, one of various different, underside, finger-expanse portions of an associated, adjacent finger, thus to enable actuation of a selected one or more of said keys in said cluster via only slight, gestural, relatively closing motion of the confronting corresponding finger-expanse portion, and

for each thumb, a thumb-associable cluster of input keys disposed generally over three mutually intersecting surfaces to enable key actuation via mixed lateral, and slight endo, translation of an associated adjacent thumb within, generally, a cone of motion whose apex resides adjacent the base of the thumb; and

a base, wherein at least some of said clusters are mounted on said base for selective, relative positional adjustment.

10. The device of claim 9, wherein, within each array, said clusters extend generally from a region of confluence, and said device further comprises for each said region a convex, mound-like palm-rest structure located adjacent the region.

11. An ergonomic keyboard input device for the transmission of information by a human operator to an electronic system coupled with said device, comprising a keyboard organized with an array of transmission-actuation keys disposed generally to conform with the splayed underside-architecture of a user's hand, said array including

for each finger, a finger-associable cluster of input keys, each key of which is positioned and oriented facially to confront in close proximity one of various different, underside finger-expanse portions of an associated, adjacent finger, thus to enable actuation of a selected one or more of said keys in said cluster via only slight, gestural, translatory motion of the confronting finger-expanse portion, wherein each finger-associable cluster includes an elongate row of plural keys, and said keys thereof are dis-

tributed along the length of the cluster with respective key-actuation axes normal to corresponding planes that are disposed angularly relative to one another, with a pair of planes corresponding with a first pair of adjacent keys being disposed at an obtuse angle relative to one another and with a pair of planes corresponding with a second pair of adjacent keys including one of the keys of said first pair being disposed at a reflex angle relative to one another, and

a thumb-associable cluster of input keys to enable key actuation via mixed lateral, and slight endo, translation of an associated adjacent thumb within, generally, an arc of motion whose apex resides adjacent the base of the thumb.

12. The device of claim 11, wherein said thumb-associable cluster is disposed generally over three mutually intersecting surfaces to enable actuation by the thumb within, generally a cone of motion whose apex resides adjacent the base of the thumb.

13. The device of claim 11, wherein said first pair of adjacent keys of said finger-associable cluster is adjacent a first end of said elongate row associated with a proximal finger-expanse portion and said second pair of adjacent keys is distal thereto in said row.

14. The device of claim 11, wherein said second pair of adjacent keys of said finger-associable cluster is adjacent a first end of said elongate row associated with a proximal finger-expanse portion and said first pair of adjacent keys is distal thereto in said row.

15. The device of claims 13 or 14, wherein a pair of planes corresponding with a third pair of adjacent keys are disposed at an obtuse angle relative to one another and said third pair of adjacent keys is distal to said first and second pair of adjacent keys and is adjacent a second end of said elongate row associated with a terminal finger-expanse portion.

16. The device of claim 11, wherein said finger-associable clusters extend radially generally from a region of confluence, and said device further comprises a convex, mound-like palm-rest structure located adjacent said region, with the radial extents of said clusters from said palm-rest structure being dimensioned nominally to correspond with the underside-architecture of the user's hand with each finger substantially fully extended.

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